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The issues before the General Assembly Sixth Committee are the following: Legal Aspects of War and Occupation; International Law, Democracy, and the NEO; and International Efforts Regarding Cloning. The Republic of Slovenia respectfully submits that it is crucial to recall the fall of communism and the Balkan conflicts. Therefore the first two issues on the agenda are of particular importance to the Republic of Slovenia.

I. Legal Aspects of War and Occupation

Aware of the latest developments in international relations, latest events in politics, the phenomenon of globalization and bearing in mind potentially upcoming conflicts in the world, the Republic of Slovenia firmly backs the necessity for an international system of “checks and balances” in diplomacy and negotiations, consistent with the Charter of the United Nations and other relevant rules of international law. It is submitted that intense efforts have to be invested in preventing unilateral decision-making, as well as unilateral interventions. Additionally it is the duty of each most honorable member of the distinct international community to fight mere economic interests and hypocrisy overshadowing interventions in international relations. The principles of prevention and cooperation shall enjoy a very high status, thus allowing diplomatic solutions and facilitating sustainability in the restructuring process of the affected nations in case of interventions. The Republic of Slovenia attributes great importance to Chapter VII UN Charter. However, these strict regulations shall only be seized in cases in which there is great consent amongst the equal members of the international community and in circumstances which actually provide extensive proof of absolute certainty, underscoring the legitimacy of possible interventions.

II. International Law, Democracy, and the NEO

International Law is certainly a very positive and precious instrument. The Republic of Slovenia respectfully urges the distinct international community to make use of this instrument, embedded in the common interests of the community. With all due respect, the Republic of Slovenia wishes to highlight a current tendency in the globalized world, signaling a process in which wealth is shifted more and more upwards within the so-called social structures, whereas the less privileged and developed are being more and more exploited and pushed towards desperation. The Republic of Slovenia recognizes a great potential present within the international community and guarantees that Slovenian initiatives will be implemented tapping its full potential in serving the above mentioned goals. Slovenia succeeded in overcoming communism and the Balkan crisis, it has been enjoying sovereignty and democracy for a decade and recently joined the prestigious European Union (EU). The recent steering in the right direction shall proceed within the international community.

III. International Efforts Regarding Cloning

The Republic of Slovenia strongly believes in scientific progress enabling a more efficient fight against and suppression of debilitating and fatal illnesses. The recognized types of cloning, namely “Recombinant DNA Technology or DNA Cloning”, “Reproductive Cloning”, and “Therapeutic Cloning”, have to be applied as to guaranteeing accordance with the highest moral and ethical values of mankind. Strict scrutiny of particular constellations shall be implemented in the application of therapies involving cloning. Screening procedures and high safety standards shall protect cloning procedures from being interfered with by criminals or those attempting to abuse cloning for purposes that do not comply with the high ethical values of mankind, thus disrupting the open-minded and modern approaches in science. However, the Republic of Slovenia wishes to undermine that reproductive cloning of humans will never enjoy the support of the Republic of Slovenia, constituting a highly unethical procedure. We certainly urge the whole honorable international community to refrain from backing such highly immoral endeavor.